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**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

DATE: March 5, 2014

RE: VA Medical Center  
5000 West National Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53295

VA No. 695-13-111

This Addendum consists of **(4)** Narrative pages.

The following questions and answers provide clarification to the contract documents:

1. Tuck pointing Key note #4 on pages A203, A204 & A205 states replace bricks where missing, damaged or eroded but there is no estimated quantities listed for this as there is with the other aspects of our scopes. Could you provide estimated quantities for this?  
*Answer: 'BC' Connector = 10 s.f.; 'C' Wing = 150 s.f.*
2. Calls out for unit price on Tuck pointing but there is nothing listed on the bid form?  
*Answer: VA will provide a form for listing unit prices. Revised form attached to this amendment.*
3. Spec section 01 00 00 calls out GC shall provide unarmed guard at project site after hours as needed? If no door or window is left unsecured would this be needed?  
*Answer: Unarmed guard is not required if all windows and doors are secured.*
4. Would snow fence be acceptable for a construction fence around work areas?  
*Answer: No.*
5. Will all window areas be cleaned and accessible from debris/obstructions for removal and painting?  
*Answer: Staff shall remove debris/personal belongings from interior window sills prior to window restoration work.*
6. Will each room need to be vacated when scraping and refinishing the frames due to lead paint?  
*Answer: Yes. Per spec section 01 01 10 SN 1.3A – provide min. (15) days notice prior to commencement of work.*
7. Will a CPM consultant be required for this project?  
*Answer: Yes, refer to Specification Section 01 32 16.15 "Project Schedules".*
8. During Pre-Bid walk-thru VA-COR and Architect stated that Building 6 Roof and Fascia project would coincide with FCA Deficiencies Project. Will VA provide Roof/Fascia Project Schedule to contractors for determining their project schedule?  
*Answer: Yes. Schedule will be provided to successful bidder after award of this project.*
9. Lay down area detailed on Plan Sheet A100 has already been assigned to Building 6 Roof/Fascia project contractors. Will VA assign an additional lay down area for Building 6 FCA Deficiencies project?

*Answer: Area north of bldg. 6 will be provided for contractor staging. Contractor will be responsible for full restoration of site upon completion of work.*

10. Plan note on Plan Drawings Sheet A100 details Extent of Foundation Waterproofing shown on detail 1/A500. No A500 sheet was attached to the project documents. Is there a sheet A500 for this project for bidding purposes?

*Answer: Foundation Waterproofing is no longer included in contract. Plan note was left on drawing in error.*

11. Plan Drawing A202 Picture #65 states to remove damaged mechanical equipment. Who will determine “if replacement” is warranted and is the VA responsible for its replacement?

*Answer: Removal of damaged mechanical equipment will not be included in the scope of this project.*

12. Are new door numbers to match existing in style, size, and color?

*Answer: Provide door number plates of aluminum 1/8” thick exterior grade material with 2” high white block letters on black background. Secure to door for permanent installation.*

13. There are existing wire fence enclosures surrounding mechanical equipment in many areas around Building 6. Will the VA be removing and replacing the fencing that will interfere with the restoration of wood and masonry surfaces for the FCA Deficiencies project?

*Answer: Existing fences will remain in place. Contractor may at his own expense remove and reinstall as required to complete work. Security for fenced in areas shall be maintained at all times.*

14. There are many areas of wood rot noticed on closer inspection on the wood porches of Building 6. Replacement is not mentioned in the plan drawings or Specifications. Define/Qualify the extent of “repair” as it relates to the typical plan note: Scrape, repair, prime, and repaint “white” all wood surfaces, typical at all wood surfaces.

*Answer: Intent is to stabilize existing wood where required with consolidant, then prime and paint. Replacement of wood will occur only where wood is too deteriorated to salvage.*

- a. ‘A’ Wing – Replace missing and deteriorated beadboard ceiling at 2<sup>nd</sup> floor porch on west & southwest sides of building – 75 s.f.*
- b. ‘A’ Wing – Replace 2x10 outer beams at corner column of west porch near west entry stair – Provide allowance of \$800.*
- c. ‘B’ Wing – Remove recently installed and unpainted porch lattice on south elevation and replace with lattice that matches existing historical lattice (per details on Sheet A401) – 9 s.f.*
- d. ‘D’ Wing – Replace missing and deteriorated wood at northeast corner of east porch – Provide allowance of \$2500.*

15. Define/Qualify “repair as required” as it relates to the concrete retaining walls and concrete stairs. Who will determine to what extent repairs will be done and what materials can be used for these repairs? No concrete repair material types are included in the Specifications.

*Answer: Provide 300 s.f. of concrete patching and repair in locations called out in drawings. See Section 03 30 53 “Cast-in-Place Concrete” and Section 32 05 23 “Cement and Concrete for Exterior Improvements” in the specifications for materials information.*

16. Is the project tax exempt?

*Answer: No.*

17. In the specification for this project we noted that the specifications state that there may be lead paint and to plan accordingly. In order to plan we need a definite answer. Is there lead to be abated? Is it on the interior and exterior of the building?

*Answer: Yes, lead paint is to be abated at both the interior and exterior of the building. All paint is considered lead based.*

18. Is there a hazardous materials report for the project?

*Answer: No.*

19. In the specification for this project we noted that the specifications state that there may be asbestos in the window putty and caulking and to plan accordingly. In order to plan we need a definite answer. Is there asbestos to be abated? Is it on the interior and exterior of the building?

*Answer: Yes, asbestos is to be abated from window caulking and putty at both the interior and exterior of the building. All window glazing putty is to be considered to contain asbestos.*

20. We need to make sure that the quantities stated are, in fact, the full extent of the bid or are we to include anything in addition to the quantities shown on the drawing?

*Answer: The bid shall include the quantities shown on the drawings. The required unit prices will be used for any additional work discovered during the course of the project.*

21. We were reading through the specs for this project and noticed a lot of notes about asbestos needing to be removed/abated. Will the abatement be included in this contract?

*Answer: Yes, asbestos abatement shall be included in this contract.*

22. If asbestos abatement is to be included in this contract, will the asbestos reports become part of the documents?

*Answer: No, asbestos reports will not become part of the documents.*

23. Plan Sheet A100 calls for paint removal work to match the quality of the paint removal work that was completed at Building 2. Can you please advise what processes and chemicals were used to remove the paint from the masonry at Building 2?

*Answer: This is a means and methods issue. Refer to dwgs. for expected quality*

24. Will there be a form added or modification made to the current bid form to add the unit prices required to be provided with submitted bids? The unit prices are requested on Plan Sheet A100.

*Answer: Yes, form will be provided by VA.*

25. Portions of Building 6 are currently occupied. Will occupants be relocated temporarily to allow for historic wood window restoration?

*Answer: Yes, contractor is to provide the required notice to VA prior to the relocation of occupants, per the specifications. See question 6.*

Other Notes:

1. Existing HVAC hoods are to be scraped, primed and painted "white".
2. The masonry cleaning of all chimneys is to be included in this contract. Take protective measures if cleaning is to take place after replacement of adjacent roofs at 'B' Wing, 'C' Wing and 'D' Wing. Provide line item quantity and cost to VA.

3. Provide an allowance of \$250 per door to furnish and install new light fixtures to match the existing fixture at Door A001 on the north side of 'A' Wing. Install fixture at the following door locations: A001, AB001, AB002, B101, B201, BC101, C001, C003, C004, C102, C301, C302, and D103.
4. All building-mounted signs are to be removed for masonry cleaning and reinstalled.
5. Photos P2 and P3 on Sheet A200 call for the existing railing on the north side of 'A' Wing to be removed and replaced. This work has been removed from the scope of the project as the VA has already replaced the railing. Painting of the railing ("black") shall remain in the contract.
6. Photos P30 and P31 on Sheet A201 indicate that a new stair and railing are being provided by the VA on the north side of 'BC' Connector. Painting of the new railing ("black") has been added to the scope of work for this contract.
7. Tuckpointing Key Note #4 at Photo 1, Sheet A204, shall be replaced with Tuckpointing Key Note #5.
8. New and existing wood walking surfaces – landings, ramp, stair treads, porch decks – shall be primed and painted "gray" (not "white" as previously indicated in the drawings).
9. Clarification of paint color at metal fire escapes: "black".